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Secretary Brown issues amended declaration in flooding emergency

BATON ROUGE – LDEQ Secretary Dr. Chuck Carr Brown today issued an Amended Declaration of Emergency and Administrative Order concerning the flooding event that affected south Louisiana beginning Aug. 12. The order supersedes the order issued on Aug. 12.

Secretary Brown’s declaration orders certain actions in areas regulated by LDEQ, including underground storage tanks, solid waste disposal facilities, open burning, unpermitted emergency discharges, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste management and disposal, asbestos, special wastes, open burning and other air pollution sources, hazardous waste management and disposal, and more. The declaration states that “the Severe Weather has created or will create conditions that require immediate action to prevent irreparable damage to the environment and serious threats to life or safety throughout the Emergency Areas.”

The order “shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on September 12, 2016, unless modified by further order.

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